

DETAILED ACTION

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Tultavull on July 01, 2008.

In the Claims

2. In claim 4 "(withdrawn)" is replaced by --(original)--.
3. In claim 5 "(withdrawn)" is replaced by --(original)--.
4. In claim 18 "(withdrawn)" is replaced by --(original)--.
5. In claim 19 "(withdrawn)" is replaced by --(original)--.
6. In claim 20 "(withdrawn)" is replaced by --(original)--.
7. In claim 21 "(withdrawn)" is replaced by --(original)--.
8. In claim 22 "(withdrawn and currently amended)" is replaced by --(currently amended)--.
9. In claim 25 "(withdrawn)" is replaced by --(original)--.

In the Specification

10. The application has been amended as follows: On page 1, after the title, insert:
--This application claims priority of GB 0308147.8 filed April 09, 2003, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

The above changes were made to put the application in allowable condition.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments, see page 12 lines 10-15, filed 05/14/2008, with respect to the drawings have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objection of the drawings has been withdrawn.

12. Applicant's arguments, see page 12 line 20 - page 13 line 2, filed 05/14/2008, with respect to the specification have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objection of the specification has been withdrawn.

13. Applicant's arguments, see page 13 lines 3 - 5, filed 05/14/2008, with respect to claim 17 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objection of claim 17 has been withdrawn.

14. Applicant's arguments, see page 13 line 6 – page 15 line 29, filed 05/14/2008, with respect to claims 1-3, 6-16, 23 and 24 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-3, 6-16, 23 and 24 has been withdrawn. Since the linking claims (Claims 1 and 17) are allowed, all the claims directed to non-elected species (Claims 4, 5, 18-22 and 25) are hereby rejoined and allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron R. Eastman whose telephone number is (571)270-3132. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:00-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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